

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
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Vice Admiral Vincent P. de Poix, USN  
Director  
Defense Intelligence Agency

Dear Vince:

I very much regret that because of previously made vacation plans, I will be leaving this area with the whole family on Friday, 23 August, for the Outer Banks and, hence, will not be physically present at either the DCI's luncheon or your farewell reception that evening. Needless to say, count me present in spirit at both.

One aspect of my various duties over the past three years that I have particularly enjoyed has been the occasion they have afforded for me to get to know you both as a respected professional colleague and a valued personal friend. Your career has been one of rare distinction and rare service to our country of a very high order. It has been marked by richly deserved achievement which has earned you the respect and esteem of all of us who have had the privilege of working with you.

As I have told you on several occasions, I greatly regret your impending retirement but certainly hope that our personal association can continue over the years and that professionally my colleagues and I can feel free to call on your wisdom and counsel from time to time.

With best regards.

As always,



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